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the first position 22 (see Figure 1) and may be swung out to lock the storage surface 20 in the second position 24 (see Figure 2).

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel original claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Kindly add the following new claims 24-34:

24. (New) A roof rack system comprising:

a plurality of mounting elements affixed to the roof of a vehicle;

at least one storage surface slidably attached to said plurality of mounting elements, said at least one storage surface movable between a first transport position and a second transport position;

said first transport position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident with a roof of a vehicle;

said second transport position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident with a side of a vehicle; and

a locking mechanism securing said at least one storage surface in said second transport position, said locking mechanism movable to a position flush with the side of the vehicle when said at least one storage surface is in said first transport position.

25. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 24, wherein said plurality of mounting elements include at least one guide element; and

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wherein said at least one storage surface includes at least one track element, said at least one track element engaging said at least one guide element such that said at least one storage surface is slidably attached to said plurality of mounting elements.

26. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 24 further comprising:

an end rail element mounted to said at least one storage surface, said end rail element rotatably movable between a support position and a low profile position, said low profile position minimizing the width profile of the vehicle.

27. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 25 further comprising:

at least one securing slot formed in said at least one track element.

28. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 24 wherein said at least one storage surface includes a plurality of slat elements.

29. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 24 further comprising:

a plurality of collapsible rails.

30. (New) A roof rack system comprising:
a plurality of mounting elements affixed to the roof of a vehicle;

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at least one storage surface slidably attached to said plurality of mounting elements, said at least one storage surface movable between a first transport position and a second transport position;

said first transport position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident with a roof of a vehicle;

said second transport position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident with a side of a vehicle; and

an end rail element mounted to said at least one storage surface, said end rail element rotatably movable between a support position and a low profile position, said low profile position minimizing the width profile of the vehicle.

31. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 30, wherein said plurality of mounting elements include at least one guide element; and

wherein said at least one storage surface includes at least one track element, said at least one track element engaging said at least one guide element such that said at least one storage surface is slidably attached to said plurality of mounting elements.

32. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 30 further comprising:

at least one securing slot formed in said at least one track element.

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33. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 30 wherein said at least one storage surface includes a plurality of slat elements.

34. (New) A roof rack system as described in claim 30 further comprising:
a plurality of collapsible rails.
